

September 20, 2018

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 20, 2018 with the following members present:

MEMBERS:	Mayor:	Neal Blanton
	Mayor Pro-Tem:	Darby Brockway (absent)
	Council Member:	Brint Albritton
		Lee Boyd
		Kyle Peavy
	City Manager:	Brandon Anderson
	City Secretary:	Sharon McFadden
	City Attorney:	Dan De La Cruz
	Police Chief:	Tony Widner (absent)
	Assistant Police Chief:	Brent Bullock
	Fire Chief:	Jerry David
	Assistant Fire Chief:	Jim Don Laurent

VISITORS: Sandra Helvey, Marci Bueno, David Miller, Thomas Wallner, Jimmy McLeroy, BJ Cook, Jeff Smith, Jack Edwards, Stephanie Campbell, Robert Womack representing Eide Bailly, LLP., Roy T. Pitcock, Jr., Carlos Sanchez, and the family of Carlos Sanchez.

ORDER: Mayor Neal Blanton called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

PUBLIC FORUM: No comments were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the Regular Session Council meeting held on Thursday, September 6, 2018 were approved. Kyle Peavy made the first motion. Brint Albritton seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved 3-0.

Minutes from the Special Called Meeting held on Thursday, September 13, 2018 were approved. Lee Boyd made the first motion. Brint Albritton seconded and the minutes were approved 3-0.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW POLICE OFFICER CARLOS SANCHEZ:

Assistant Police Chief Brent Bullock introduced Officer Carlos Sanchez to the Mayor, City Council and the City Manager. Mayor Blanton welcomed Officer Sanchez and his family to Graham. Sharon McFadden conducted the oath of office. Officer Sanchez introduced each of his family members.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1073 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR, ADOPTING A BUDGET ESTIMATE OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019:

Mayor Blanton said since there is not a majority present, there is still a need to vote in another called meeting. The meeting is set for next week. Brandon said two readings are required and must be done prior to October 1, 2018. Brandon stated the budget has been on file since August 13, 2018, as required. Brandon said three (3) public hearings on budget and proposed tax rate have been conducted. Brint Albritton made the first motion. Kyle Peavy made the second and Ordinance #1073 was approved 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1074 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE FOR THE 2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR, FIXING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE CITY OF GRAHAM FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019:

Brandon stated the need to approve the tax rate at 0.658126 which is the same rate as the 2017-2018 approved tax rate. Brandon said the tax rate will also require a second reading since a majority is not present. Lee Boyd made the motion to approve Ordinance #1074. Kyle Peavy seconded and Ordinance #1074 was approved 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST 2018 AND SALES TAX REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2018:

Sharon McFadden briefly reviewed the monthly financial report and sales tax report. Lee Boyd stated the sales tax ended with a surplus. Brint Albritton made the motion to accept the reports presented. Lee Boyd made the second and reports were approved 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ADOPTION OF THE PARKS PLAN AS PRESENTED:

Brandon acknowledged David Miller of the Graham Economic Improvement Corporation (GEIC) and the assistance from Krisa De La Cruz to create the park plan being presented. Brandon said moving forward the City will take money that was received from the Brazos River Authority and future grants to implement the parks plan. The parks plan is required in order to obtain grants. Brandon said the plan was started five (5) years ago. Brandon said David has recently pulled all the information together and has put a master plan in place. The key plan is to be utilized for future park plans. David Miller confirmed the state has received the plan and is currently awaiting council approval. David explained the process in applying for an upcoming grant that is available. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve the parks plan and Kyle Peavy seconded. The parks plan was unanimously adopted with the vote of 3-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM DORMAN HOLUB ON BEHALF OF THE GRAHAM REGIONAL THEATRE (GRT) AND FORT BELKNAP ARCHIVES TO HOST A TALKIN' TOMBSTONES TOUR AT OAK GROVE CEMETERY ON OCTOBER 27, 2018:

Mayor Blanton said this is the second time for the request and the prior event was well-received. Brandon said it does not create any traffic concerns and the tours are scheduled for 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. Mayor Blanton said GRT and Dorman Holub do a great historical presentation at the event. Lee Boyd stated that Dorman Holub is the Scholar of Young County History. Lee Boyd made the motion to approve and Kyle Peavy made the second. The request was approved 3-0.

HEAR AUDIT PRESENTATION FROM ROBERT WOMACK, PARTNER WITH EIDE BAILLY, LLP:

Mr. Womack introduced himself and began his presentation of the 2017 audit (draft) for the City of Graham. He stated the audit should be finalized next week. Mr. Womack reviewed the highlights of the draft report, answered council concerns, and provided his contact information to Council.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ACCEPTING THE AUDIT REPORT AS PRESENTED:

Brandon recommended acceptance of the audit report should be tabled until the finalized audit report is provided. No action was taken.

REPORTS:

- Assistant Police Chief Brent Bullock informed Council that Officer Carlos Sanchez will be replacing Officer Jason Beesinger who resigned about two months ago.
- Brandon said the current lake level is 80.2 percent full. Brandon invited all attending the Council meeting to join the going away party the Chamber is hosting for Diana Theall. She has been the Chamber manager for approximately five (5) years. Diana is moving to Denison.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Brint Albritton, a second from Kyle Peavy, the Council meeting was unanimously adjourned.



Neal Blanton, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sharon McFadden, City Secretary